

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. OIRA- 20703
TO INFO	Chief, WE (ATTN: Chief, NEA)		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 43-6-25/8 Field: AREDIT
FROM	Chief []	I	DATE 8 July 1959
SUBJECT	[] AREDIT DESDEMONA		RE: "A3-T" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
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<p>1. On Sunday, 5 July 1959, DESDEMONA phoned [] to announce that he had returned from his mud-bath cure at Acqui and that he was feeling much worse; complications had arisen as a result of the treatment. It was agreed that [] would call on him on 8 July.</p> <p>2. On reaching DESDEMONA house for the meeting, [] was let in by his American niece who accompanied him on the trip to Libya. DESDEMONA looked shockingly bad. There was no doubt that the complications were indeed serious. DESDEMONA looked very weak and thin, his face was drawn and haggard and he had to gasp for breath. According to the account given by DESDEMONA and his niece, the cure at Acqui had completely exhausted the man, affecting his heart. An Italian doctor in Rome, Dr. Giuseppe DE BONIS (Professor at the University), diagnosed DESDEMONA's condition as "cardiac insufficiency" (scompenso cardiaco), the symptoms of which were irregular heart-beat. Both the niece and DESDEMONA stated that the doctor had assured him that the condition was temporary and that with proper rest his heart would resume its normal rhythm. The niece stated that DESDEMONA had improved considerably since his return from Acqui last Thursday evening.</p> <p>3. DESDEMONA's "treatment" at Acqui seems to have been carried out in the most barbarous way conceivable. After going through with it, though obviously exhausted and suffering from shock, he was bundled off on the train for Rome. Acqui, of course, did not want to deal with a cadaver.</p> <p>4. [] did what he could to cheer him up and paid him his June salary. Naturally, all discussion of DESDEMONA's future status was avoided and will have to be avoided until he has recovered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[]</p> <p>8 July 1959</p> <p>Distribution: 3-Wash</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-2-6/3 43-6-47/3</p>			
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